

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**La Union SWCD**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> La Union SWCD		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>		<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDL's where available as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination or point source such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conservation of a considerable amount of ground or surface water resources?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Irr. Crop #1 - Treatment of this land will have a beneficial impact on a 303(d) listed stream segment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Irr. Crop #2 - Treatment of this land will enhance the benefits of an active section 319 project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Irr. Crop #3 - This land is within a NMED Category I watershed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Irr. Crop #4 - Habitat for an at-risk species will be protected/enhanced?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Irr. Crop #5 - Noxious weeds are present and will be treated?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Grazing #1 - Treatment of this land will have a beneficial impact on a 303(d) listed stream segment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Grazing #2 - Treatment of this land will enhance the benefits of an active section 319 project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Grazing #3 - This land is within a NMED Category I watershed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Grazing #4 - Habitat for an at-risk species will be protected/enhanced?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Grazing #5 - Noxious weeds are present and will be treated?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. IrrCrop1--Has the applicant had an EQIP contract cancelled for non-compliance? (low priority)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Select only one response to questions IrrCrop2 thru 6. IrrCrop2--The proposed treatment will maintain the type of irrigation-Surface to Surface. The proposed action will result in an irrigation efficiency improvement of 6 % or less?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. IrrCrop3--The proposed treatment will maintain the type of irrigation-Surface to Surface. The proposed action will result in an irrigation efficiency improvement of 6.1 % to 12 %?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. IrrCrop4--The proposed treatment will maintain the type of irrigation-Surface to Surface. The proposed action will result in an irrigation efficiency improvement of 12.1 % to 18 %?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. IrrCrop5--The proposed treatment will maintain the type of irrigation-Surface to Surface. The proposed action will result in an irrigation efficiency improvement of 18.1 % to 24 %?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

6. IrrCrop6--The proposed treatment will maintain the type of irrigation-Surface to Surface. The proposed action will result in an irrigation efficiency improvement of 24.1 % or more?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Select only one response to questions IrrCrop7 thru 11. IrrCrop7--The proposed treatment will CHANGE the type of irrigation-Surface to Drip or Sprinkler. The proposed action will result in an irrigation efficiency improvement of 9 % or less?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. IrrCrop8--The proposed treatment will CHANGE the type of irrigation-Surface to Drip or Sprinkler. The proposed action will result in an irrigation efficiency improvement of 9.1 % to 20%?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. IrrCrop9--The proposed treatment will CHANGE the type of irrigation-Surface to Drip or Sprinkler. The proposed action will result in an irrigation efficiency improvement of 20.1% to 28%?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. IrrCrop10--The proposed treatment will CHANGE the type of irrigation-Surface to Drip or Sprinkler. The proposed action will result in an irrigation efficiency improvement of 28.1% to 36%?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. IrrCrop11--The proposed treatment will CHANGE the type of irrigation-Surface to Drip or Sprinkler. The proposed action will result in an irrigation efficiency improvement of 36.1% or more?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Select only one response to questions IrrCrop12 thru 16. IrrCrop12--If orchard farming, treatment will include residue management practice (Cover Crop)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. IrrCrop13--Does the current cropping pattern utilize continuous high residue crops?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. IrrCrop14--Does the current crop rotation include an high residue crop every other year?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. IrrCrop15--Does the current crop rotation include high residue crops 2 out of every 5 years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. IrrCrop16--Does the current crop rotation include high residue crops 3 out of every 5 years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. IrrCrop17--Will erosion control practices (herbaceous wind barrier, windbreak, etc.) be included in the treatment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. IrrCrop18--If row cropping, management practices will include reduced tillage (i.e. Residue Management, No-Till and Strip Till or Residue Management, seasonal).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. IrrCrop19--Will the proposed action include treatment of state listed Non-native invasive plants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
20. Graz1--Is the current grazing system "Continuous"? (Low Priority)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
21. Graz2--Does the applicant have an active Farm Bill contract and scheduled plan of operations is not followed or at least one scheduled practice per year is not meant?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
22. Graz3--Has this application been previously denied due to a high environmental risk associated with the proposed treatment(s), or is it likely to be denied based on the proposed treatment(s).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
23. Graz4--Has the applicant provided evidence of a planned deferred grazing system (grazing schedule: in/out dates per pasture, livestock numbers, feed and forage balance data)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
24. Graz5-- Are conservation practices in place, or will the proposed treatment allow for the initiation or continuation of a planned deferred rotational grazing system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
25. Graz6--Does the operation have a drought management plan and has it been implemented?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
26. Graz7--Has the operation performed an Energy Audit, to determine other energy alternatives or strategies to improve the management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
27. Graz8--Will alternative energy technologies be used in the installation of the proposed treatments (wind, solar, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
28. Graz9--Will the proposed treatment result in a positive change in the Hydrologic Functioning portion of the Rangeland Health rating?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
29. Graz10--Will erosion control practices (grade stabilization, diversions, etc.) be included in the proposed treatment to address soil erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
30. Graz11--Will the proposed treatment result in a positive change in the Soil Stability portion of the Rangeland Health rating?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
31. Graz12--Will the proposed treatment address Brush Management concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
32. Graz13--Is Salt Cedar present on the Ranch? Will it be treated?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
33. Graz14--Will the proposed treatment address Noxious/invasive weeds?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
34. Graz15--Will the proposed treatment result in a positive change in the overall long term Rangeland Health rating?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
35. Graz16--Will the proposed treatment result in a positive change in the Biotic Integrity portion of the Rangeland Health rating?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

36. Graz17--Does the operation presently address the needs of wildlife (allow for deferment, riparian areas only seasonally grazed, provide permanent year long water)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
37. Graz18--Does the operation actively manage wildlife populations through harvesting?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
38. Graz19--Will any of the proposed treatments be installed to directly benefit wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:  Local Issues:  State Issues:  National Issues:  <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

<b>NRCS Designated Conservationist:</b>	<b>Applicant Signature Required for Contract Development:</b>
<b>Signature Date:</b>	<b>Signature Date:</b>